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Dear Mr. Cowdin:

Enclosed is the reply I have sent to Mr. Cobb of the Robbery-Homicide Division in response to his remarkable letter.

As I mentioned on the telephone on Monday, I would appreciate a response to my letter of a month ago (copy attached) concerning the answers given to earlier inquiries on the Robert Kennedy case pursuant to the Police Commission procedure established in 1975. You mentioned hypothetically in that conversation that Police Commission policies may be changed, although you stated that you had no knowledge to that effect in this matter, nor, indeed, of the formal Police Commission procedure which is the basis of this entire process. Absent contrary information, I will make the routine assumption that the 1975 commitments were entered into seriously, and not as a matter of deceptiveness or whimsy. As you know, this assassination is not a frivolous matter.

Although my requests have been at all times directed to the Police Commission, you stated that you had no knowledge of Mr. Cobb's letter, and there is no inkling in it of any consulation by him with anyone connected with the Police Commission in connection with his response. Leaving aside the disregard for your agency which this posture displays, it suggests that future communications on this matter will best be channelled through the Police Commission, to avoid further waste of time. My request was and is to the commission, not to the Police Department.

My assumption over the past several months that this matter was being processed in good faith has apparently been misplaced. As you were not directly involved during much of this period, I assume that you will be equally concerned about this sequence of evasion and inaction. The initial questions were deliberately framed to be elementary and easily responded to, given a minimal grasp by the agencies involved of the material in this case. They by no means exhaust the basic unresolved issues about the assassination, but they do pose some matters which are usefully clarified at this point.

Few of those familiar with the number and gravity of the fundamental questions existing about the Robert Kennedy assassination believed that the Police Commission policy established in 1975 was adequate or substantially responsive to the public's right to know in this matter. It was specifically designed and adopted by the Police Commission itself, in preference to other proposals which were both more forthcoming and effective and more easily administered, for addressing the informational issues of this case. Leaving the broader questions aside, however, I have confined my initial inquiry thus far to the terms of the established policy, which is explicitly cited in the first sentence of my October letter.

I would appreciate receiving now either answers to the questions submitted to date or an indication as to when they will begin to become available.

Sincerely,

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